

## **COURSE INFORMATION – TOPICS AND REQUIREMENTS**

**Subject: Modern Social Theories (MSP1104) 1. semester**

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Hours: 2 hours/week

### **Semester program:**

1. week: Introduction/Description of Subject Program and System of Course, Topics and Requirements
2. week: Foundations of Social Science, the Main Trends of Sociology
3. week: Foundations of **Modern Social Theory and Modern Social Thought**
4. week: Characteristics of Modern Society
5. week: Comparability of Societies and Cultures
6. week: Concept of Globalization, Giddens, Held, McGrew, Cultural Globalization
7. week: test
8. week: The Social Organizing Effect of Globalization, Economic Globalization
9. week: McDonaldization
10. week: The Experience Society
11. week: The Theory of Risk Society
12. week: Castells: The Network Society
13. week: Theories of Consumer Society
14. week: Summary/Conclusion

Participation in the sessions: - The lectures are an integral part of the training, so the Institution expects the students to participate in the lectures (TVSz § 8.1.)

Semester requirement: colloquium

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#### Literature:

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- Giddens, Anthony (1999) *Runaway World: How Globalization is Reshaping Our Lives*. London
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